

## LIFE IN THE METROPOLIS

DASHES HERE AND THERE BY THE  
SUN'S REPORTERS

**The Vacuum Brake Falls—One Loaded Elevated Train Drives Into Another at Ninety-ninth Street—Splinters Fly—Two Men Hurt**

A north-bound train, drawn by Engine 125, stopped at the Ninety-ninth street station of the Third avenue elevated road at 7:30 o'clock last evening when it was struck from behind by a south-bound car and set off passengers. Rattling swiftly down the steep grade behind it, less than a block away, was another train, drawn by Engine 126. Engineer James Douglas applied the vacuum brakes as he approached the train ahead. They failed to work. He reversed his engine and whistled down brakes, but he was so close to the stationary train that he could not stop in time. The collision was prevented by the collision. Engine 126 crashed into the rear of Engine 125, and the two engines and their trains were thrown into the air.

the half-train, splintered the rear platform, and badly smashed its own front.

Passengers in the crowded trains, who had been on their feet a moment before unannounced in danger, were thrown violently to the floor or into the laps of other passengers. The engine and cars fell into the street. A large crowd, which had gathered by the crash from the tenements lining the avenue gathered under the elevated structure.

Men and women crowded to the doors of the cars and crushed one another in an effort to reach the station platform. Trampmen in the yard hurried to the scene to get goods and property on the wreckage.

A Harbinger, complained of being injured. He was unable to walk home. Hagler Samuel Towin, on Engine 15, was thrown forward and hurt his arm.

Boys who were in the main track into the yard, and the mile of blockaded trains behind them were allowed to go ahead.

**Railroad Employees Demand Their Wages**

A number of employees of the New York Central and Northern Railroad, the adjunct to the west side elevated railroad, have written to The Sun complaining that their wages for January and part of February are still unpaid. They say that an order was issued by Judge Lawrence directing them to be paid, but that so far they have received nothing.

Receiver Joel H. Richard is out of town. At his com-

At 71 Broadway it was said that when Arthur Leary, of the former receiver, had been removed, and Judge Dore took office, the men were due to the men. These had been paid, as Mr. Ehrhardt would not pay the old receiver's debts without an order from the Court. The men's attorneys had applied for an order, and the Court, at the request of the bondholders, had ordered that a list of the men's claims should be filed. As soon as that had been done, the Court had ordered payment to be made to the men. The men are said to be waiting at the Court house, and if they want their money as soon as possible, they should unite in asking the Court to grant them that relief.

**Postmaster Pearson** is making changes in the local postal service. Some of which are, or will be, an additional morning delivery of mail below Canal street making deliveries at 7:29, 8, and 1:15; an early morning delivery on the districts of Stations A, D, E, and F; more frequent collections from the area of Flatiron Building on at 11 P. M., except in remote parts of Harlem and Manhattanville, where the latest will begin at 9:45 P. M.; more frequent collection of newspapers from the Flatiron Building; service to the public institutions on Blackwell's Island, Ward's Islands; the separation and distribution at 10 A. M. of letters mailed in New York for Brooklyn, and that the Brooklyn Post Office will not have to sort them.

the United States Army Office in this town, as well as passers by in the street, have been much annoyed lately by the fumes of sulphuric acid mingled with the air. The effect is to irritate the lungs and air passages and to cause coughing. The acid is developed in the process of refining acid and sulfur overated and is passed into the atmosphere is intended to be treated by a washing apparatus similar to that used in purifying illuminating gas. Some changes are now making in the works and it is expected that the acid fumes will be due effect, but in a few days the changes will be completed, and then, it is expected, the nuisance will abate.

**The Fifth Avenue Omnibus Line.**

Canvassers will begin going to the property owners of Fifth avenue to-day to get their consent to the Fifth Avenue Omnibus Company's plan. The company expects that the consent of a majority of the property owners can be secured within a week. After that they will have a tussle with the Aldermen. On Wednesday the subscription books to the capital stock of the company will be opened in the office of Joseph H. Russell, 21 Chambers street. The company has received propositions from carriage builders to construct omnibuses for them and take payment in stock.

**William Moore of 125 West Twenty-seventh street, a well-to-do colored man, was arrested last night on a charge of abducting Novel Lawes, aged 15, a prettiest mulatto. The arrest was made on the complaint of Mr. Pannie Lawes of 157 West Twenty-fourth street. Mr. Lawes says that Moore took her daughter out Saturday and did not return with her. Mrs. Moore called upon**

**John Bonch's Works Open Again.**

John Roach's works at Tenth street and the East River were started at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Work was resumed on the cruiser Atlanta and on the boilers of the Chicago. About 200 machinists and

donner hinkers were back in their old places. There was disappointment among the patterners and moulder but there is no employment for them at the moment. The works will be open from 8 to 4 until the Atlanta and Chicago are finished. It will take about six months to finish the Government work on hand.

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**An Elevated Railroad Guard Killed.**  
William D. Wood, platform guard at the

William L. Wood, platform guard at the South Ferry terminus of the elevated railway, jumped on a moving up train yesterday and closed the gates securely, but as he tried to drop back on the platform again fell between the train and the platform, and was badly crushed. He died in the Chambers Street Hospital. Wood was 38 years old, and lived at 840 Sixth avenue.

St. Mark's Lyceum, \$25; Wm. Colgate, \$1. Grand total, \$98,907.41.

Adolph L. Sanger, Mayor Low of Brooklyn, and Sidney Dillon have been appointed a committee on design to consider all suggestions and recommend a design for the memorial.

**The Weather Yesterday.**  
Indicated by Hudnut's thermometer: 3 A.  
M., 54°; 6 A. M., 49°; 9 A. M., 49°; 12 M., 52°; 3 P. M.,  
53°; 6 P. M., 51°; 9 P. M., 49°; 12 midnight, 47°. Average  
50½°. Average for Nov. 9, 1884, 40½°.

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**Signal Office Prediction.**  
Fair weather stationary temperature for

**JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.**

**Inquirer.**—The Genesta sailed from and to England. Gasashi Nomura, Postmaster-General of Japan, is the Westminister Hotel.

The Lotus Club will entertain Mr. Auguste Bartholdi, the designer of the statue of Liberty, at dinner on Saturday evening.

Another case of smallpox was found in East Fort fourth street on Sunday night. The patient was removed to the Riverside Hospital.

The body of Joseph Cook of 798 Third avenue, who was drowned at Sixty-seventh street and North River on Sunday, was recovered yesterday.

William Schneider, a baker, convicted of assaulting nine-year-old Bertha Blatt of 19 Essex street, was sentenced yesterday to State prison for ten years.

A sleigh that 8-year-old William H. Hatches of 238 Eighth avenue was climbing on in the yard at 255 West 124th street yesterday fell over upon him and killed him.

Mrs. Percy Smith of Brooklyn, a cabin passenger on the Cunard steamship Aurania, died of an abscess on the steamship's passage over. Her body was brought New York.

Albion Fuld, lately of 228 East Fourth street, was convicted yesterday in the General Sessions of practicing medicine without a diploma. Recorder Smyth fined him \$150.

A report that P. S. Gilmore had died suddenly was circulated yesterday. Somebody started it on Saturday

John Madden and Charles Johnson, members of the Hook Gang who pleaded guilty of assaulting and robbing John Green, in Canal street, were sentenced by Judge Cowley yesterday to State prison for five years.

Adam Wagner of 343 West Thirty-ninth street was recently discharged from an east side chair factory, which he had worked two years. His wife, who has since supported him, came home yesterday afternoon and found him lying on the bed, bleeding from cuts he had made on both his wrists. He is likely to die.

Richard V. Harnett, auctioneer, will sell in the real estate auction room, 50 Liberty street, to-day, the 4 lots on Truitt avenue, Audubon avenue, the Boulevard and adjacent streets and avenues, belonging to the estate of the late Gov. E. D. Morgan. The property on one of the highest points of Manhattan Island.

Simon Stevens has addressed a long letter to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment criticizing the estimate of Street Commissioner Coleman, and suggesting th

the Board should cut them down. Mr. Stevens says that Commissioner Coleman has not supplied the Board with the proper details of the work, especially the amount of work performed and the wages paid to employees.